



MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT

MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY MARCH 21, 2016 AT 1:00 P.M.

GAR ROOM-MIAMI COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MINUTES

The Miami County Recycling District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, March 19, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. in the GAR Room in the Miami County Courthouse, located at 25 North Broadway, Peru, Indiana.

Attending:

Board Members: Don Morris–Chairman–Town of Converse, Joshua Francis –County Commissioner, Jerry Hamman– County Commissioner, Larry West–Vice Chairman–County Commissioner, Shirley Mull–County Council, Tom Gustin–City Council, Gabriel Greer–Mayor of Peru.

Absent: None

Staff Attending: Samantha St. John–Executive Director, Carla Weaver–Assistant Director/Recording Secretary, Bill Berkshire–Legal Counsel.

Others: Ron & Bobbie Dausch– Contractor Representative for the District, Jeff Barnes– Contractor Representative for the District, Steve Gill–Republic Services, Josh Hon–Republic Services, Debbie Hackman–Indiana RCAP, Jon Faust–Citizen’s Advisory Committee, Daniel Herda–Peru Tribune, Larry Cattin–Miami Co. Sheriff Dept.

Call to Order: Chairman Larry west called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

- Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 16, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. *Mr. Gustin motioned to approve meeting minutes; Mr. Greer seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

Approval of Financial Report and Claims:

- Board members reviewed the financial statement and claims. *Mr. Gustin motioned to approve the financial report and claims; Mr. Francis seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

Director's Report:

- Mrs. St. John informed the board that the 2016 bills were finished up and mailed today. The Pitney Bowes machine broke down this year, as it has in years past. The staff had to stuff some of the bills by hand while they were waiting on parts for the machine to be repaired. The District appreciates the use of the extra space in the Treasurer's Office for the hand stuffing of the bills. Unfortunately, the bills were not able to be mailed out in time to help notify property owners of the Tire Day that was held March 19. Mrs. St. John used extra advertising in both the Peru Tribune and on WARU to let the public know of the event. The District is also working with any citizens and Leffler Tire to accommodate the disposal of those who have tires to dispose of. Mrs. Mull stated she was impressed with the work the office did to get the bills mailed out. The district is using a P.O. Box for return payments, and also included a return envelope with the bills to alleviate payments being lost in the mail during the district's upcoming move.

Lawyer's Report: None.**Building Committee Report:**

- Mrs. St. John told the board that the District received their Certificate of Occupancy today. Mr. Gustin requested that a copy of all the paperwork and the certificate be emailed to the board members.
- Mrs. St. John told the board the District will be moving to the new facility April 1. The District will be closed April 1 for the move, and during the week of April 4–8 for unpacking, training, and setting up the location. The District will reopen to the public on April 11. This information is included with the bills, along with instructions on how to pay their bills online, over the phone, who to make checks to, and the address of the new location.
- Mr. Francis asked about the sign for the new location. There were questions about the logo, font of the lettering, sizes, and style of sign. Mrs. St. John would like to utilize solar lighting if possible. To use electrical lighting would require more expense due to running more electrical cable. Mrs. St. John will be using a temporary sign when the building opens. She wants to use a sign by the road and a sign on the fence. The local sign ordinance will need to be checked, along with prices.
- Wiring is taking place at the building currently. Computer and phone wiring should be in place when we open.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Mrs. St. John stated she had some contractors who were interested in bidding on the beautification day service. She sent them Specifications by registered letter and also placed ads in the paper. The district received one proposal for beautification day from Republic Services, formerly Wabash Valley landfill. Their price is \$410.00 per roll off container. This is an increase of \$45.00 per container over the 2015 cost. The beautification day costs for roll off containers in 2013 were \$15,000.00. The beautification day costs for the same amount of containers in 2015 were \$30,000. Mrs. St. John is concerned because the cost per container will be even more this year. Steve Gill stated that the costs would equal the same amount as last year because he figured in the set fee with the disposal fee instead of separating them like he did last year. Mr. Gill stated that if the spring day was very busy and very costly, Republic would not hold us to two days, and we could cancel the second day. Mrs. St. John was concerned the public would be extremely unhappy if the second day were cancelled. Mrs. Mull asked if there was any way to negotiate the price. Mr. West asked what surrounding counties did. Mrs. St. John replied that other counties do not offer this service as this is a trash disposal event and not a recycling service. Mr. Francis stated it is above and beyond what the program is supposed to be. *Mr. Morris motioned to accept Republic Service's bid as written; Mr. Greer seconded. Mr. West questioned if the bid restricted the District to two days. Mr. Gill replied it did not. Mr. Francis stated if the amount of money allocated for beautification days was used up in the first day, the second day would have to be cancelled. The district is not obligated to pick up people's trash for them. This is a service that is above and beyond the true intention of the program. He felt if the District started notifying the public well in advance that the second one is cancelled they would know. Mr. Morris suggested limiting Beautification Day to one day in 2017. Motion carried (7-0).*
- Mr. Greer discussed mattress issues in the city. He stated he requested a meeting with Mrs. St. John and Mr. Morris. Dennis See, Bruce Carson, Bill McQueen, and Tom Gustin were also in attendance. There is an estimate of 500–600 mattresses within the city of Peru. He thinks this is an insane amount of mattresses. He asked if the Solid Waste district is required to pick up the mattresses in the city. Mr. Francis it is something we have been doing, but there has been discussion about if it should be continued because it is not technically part of the program. He stated if the funds are there the district

should do it. Mr. Gustin stated people were bringing mattresses in and dropping them off. Mr. West asked Mr. Dasuch what landfilling mattresses cost. Mr. Dausch stated he could get 100 mattresses in a 26 foot box truck. Mr. Dausch claimed he did not get all the mattress pickups that were called in to the district. Mr. Gustin stated in a matter of one week all the mattresses would be gone, but there needs to be a financial commitment from the district to get it done. Mr. Berkshire questioned why Miami County Solid Waste should have to pay anything. Mr. Gustin replied because the district had been doing it. Mr. Berkshire stated it is a city problem, not a Miami County solid waste problem. Mr. and Mrs. Dausch stated they are not receiving lists that are being emailed to them from the district. The district office thought they had emailed them to the Dauschs. The Dauschs ask that the lists be divided for them so they can figure out if the addresses need to be picked up on the days scheduled for north of the Wabash River or South of the Wabash River. The District office will check on this when the meeting is over.

- Mr. Dausch asked to address the board. Mr. Dausch said that during the meeting discussing the mattress issues, that Mr. Morris and Mrs. St. John said several times that “the sooner we cut off his head and get him out of here the better”. Mr. Dausch asked if that should be taken as a personal threat and bodily injury against him. Mr. Morris replied that it had to do with his business, and not him personally. Mr. Dausch asked if Mrs. St. John said that, and she replied that she was just listening. Mr. Dausch then asked Mr. Greer if he heard Mrs. St. John make that statement, and Mr. Greer stated he had only heard Mr. Morris say that phrase in the context referring to the business. Mr. Dausch asked about comments made regarding if pickups were being made or not. Mrs. St. John replied that she did not have any way of knowing if the pick up was getting done or not unless the customer called in and said the item was still there. There was more discussion among the board, Mr. Berkshire, and Mr. Dausch. Mr. Dausch stated he would be done with or without a 45 day notice of his contract if desired. There was discussion about the street department picking up the mattresses. *Mr. Francis motioned to continue the current contract as it is in place; Mrs. Mull seconded. Mr. Berkshire stated that the city could rent a box truck and take the mattresses to the landfill. The solid waste district should not be responsible for the mattresses since they are trash. He is asking about what happens after the 600 mattresses are picked up and if the district is still going to be responsible. Mr. Hamman asked that all pickups be sent to board members along with Mr. and Mrs. Dausch. Mr. Berkshire stated that Mr. and Mrs. Dausch should also provide proof that they are disposing of mattresses properly. Mrs. St. John stated she is not getting*

proof, just a number on a page, not an actual weight ticket. This issue will be revisited at the next meeting. Motion passed (6-1).

Public Comments: Mr. Constable from CC& M noted to the board that the new facility needs gutters.

Next Board Meeting:

- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS– MAY 16, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. 2651 W LOGANSPOUR RD.
PERU, IN 46970**

Adjournment: *Adjournment was unanimous.*

Carla Weaver, Recording Secretary

Larry West, Board Chairman